

# City of Wauwatosa Newsletter

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Summer 2006

## 4th of July Celebration

This year's Independence Day celebration theme is *Celebration of Freedom*. Everyone is invited to join in the festivities on **Tuesday, July 4, 2006**.

- 9:00—11:00 AM Festival Parade  
12:30—4:00 PM Family Fun at Wauwatosa West High School  
8:00—9:00 PM Evening Program at Wauwatosa West High School  
9:15 PM Fireworks at Wauwatosa West High School, sponsored by Froedtert Hospital and The Medical College of Wisconsin

The parade steps off from 104th St. and heads east on North Ave. to 80th St. Family fun activities include games, judging of decorated bikes, buggies, wagons, etc. Ice cream will be distributed to participants. Afternoon activities have been relocated to Wauwatosa West High School, 11400 W. Center St., due to ongoing Hart Park construction project. **Please remember alcohol and tobacco products are prohibited on school property.** Call the Civic Celebration Commission hotline at 414-479-8988 for questions or for volunteer opportunities.

**Parade Route Safety:** To ensure everyone's safety and comfort on the parade route, the rules below apply to the annual Independence Day parade.

- Items, including chairs, blankets, tape, rope, etc., may not be placed in the public right-of-way before 6 AM on parade day. The right-of-way includes the sidewalk, the area between the sidewalk and the curb, as well as the grassy boulevards within the street east and west of Menomonee River Parkway.
- Items placed before 6 AM on July 4 will be removed and not returned.
- A responsible person must remain with items placed on the parade route after 6 AM.
- Items left unattended at any time will be removed and not returned.

## Secret Gardens Tour

The 12th Annual Secret Gardens Tour is on Saturday, July 8 from 10 AM—5 PM, rain or shine. Tour five private gardens including the beautiful garden at the Kneeland-Walker House. Advance tickets are \$9 and can be purchased beginning June 5th at the following ticket outlets: Alfa Flower Shop, Buds & Blossoms, The Flower Lady, Hawks Nursery, Locker's Florist, Rose's Flower Shop, and Wisconsin Garden & Pet. On tour day, tickets are \$10 and will be available at Kneeland-Walker House, 7406 Hillcrest Drive. Call 414-453-3085 or 414-258-9014 for more information.



## National Night Out



*Tosa's Wild Night* is the theme for the 12th annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Family activities are from 5—9 PM and include games, inflatable rides, a coloring contest, Kid Care ID, live music, food, exhibits and a flashlight walk around the zoo.

Registration begins on May 14, 8 AM—Noon at the Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers' benefit pancake breakfast at Hart Park. After May 14 register at the Little Read Book Store, 7603 W. State Street during regular store hours. Registration is \$5 per person or \$17 for a family up to five. Each participant will receive a t-shirt at the time of registration.

## Holiday Refuse Collection

**Tuesday, July 4** is a holiday. Tuesday's collections will be picked up on Wednesday, July 5.

**Monday, September 4** is a holiday. Monday's collections will be picked up on Tuesday, September 5.

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## Library Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9 AM-9 PM  
 Friday, 9 AM-5 PM  
 Saturday 9 AM-1 PM beginning June 10  
 Closed Sundays until October  
 Closed May 29 and July 4.

Overdue fines, etc. 414-471-8484  
 Telephone reference 414-471-8485  
 Children's services 414-471-8486  
 Administration 414-471-8487

## Children's Library Events

**Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds** Registration for Summer Reading Record Cards and Listening Cards begins in June. Children can earn prizes this summer as they read or listen to books.

Jeff McMullen, a family entertainer and former Ringling Brothers clown, presents two comedy magic shows on **Kick-Off Day, Monday, June 12** in the civic center auditorium at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Children 3 years old and older are invited. Adults are welcome too.

**Story and Book Talk** series for all ages begins the week of June 12:

- Preschool Story time* for 3, 4, and 5 year olds
- Stories and Books* for children entering grades 1—3
- Book Highlights* for students entering grades 3—5
- Brown Bags and Books* for students grades 6—8
- Films and Books* (July and August) for all ages
- Baby Days* (August) for children 4 and under accompanied by an adult
- Special Mondays* (August) for students grades 1—5
- Treasure Hunt Week* (August) for all ages

Registration is not required for summer events. Visit the children's library for a complete schedule.

## Sewer Backups

Before calling a plumber because your basement has a sewer backup, call public works at 414-471-8422 for an around-the-clock emergency response. We can determine whether the backup is the responsibility of the property owner.

## Yard Waste Questions



Yard waste may be set out before 7 AM for biweekly collection. Do not rake yard waste into the street. Yard waste is collected according to the A & B schedule. Schedule information is available by calling 414-471-8477 or by visiting [www.wauwatosa.net](http://www.wauwatosa.net). Put yard waste into reusable containers marked "Yard Waste" in 2 inch or larger letters. Paper yard waste bags may also be used. Plastic bags may not be used. A maximum of 5 bundles of brush tied with string or twine that are no more than 4 feet long and weigh less than 50 lbs. will be picked up without charge. Larger amounts of unbundled brush will be picked up for a minimum \$45 charge after a written estimate is given, or after ten days without an estimate. Brush creating a hazard at the curb may be immediately picked up and billed.

The drop-off center located at 11100 W. Walnut St. accepts brush, leaves, and other yard waste from residents between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM Tuesday through Saturday. The center is closed on Sundays, Mondays, and holidays. A \$10 annual permit is required to use the drop-off center. Grass clippings are not picked up nor accepted at the center.

## Street Project Updates

Visit [www.wauwatosa.net](http://www.wauwatosa.net) or call 414-479-8987 for City street and highway paving projects information.

## Yard of Distinction



2006 Yard of Distinction nominations will be accepted through July 31, 2006. Call Doris Baier at 414-461-6925 to nominate a yard that deserves special recognition.

## Gardening Help Needed

The Wauwatosa Beautification Committee's Adopt-a-Bed and Gardening Angels programs need volunteers. For more information call Marge Donegan at 414-259-8973 Ext. 4.

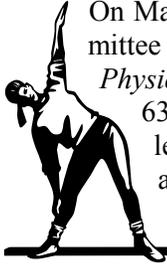


# Health Department News

For Further Information or an Appointment Call 414-479-8939



## Tosa Physical Activity & Nutrition (PAN) Committee



On March 2, 2006 the Wauwatosa PAN Committee held the *Mayor's Summit on Children's Physical Activity and Nutrition*. There were 63 participants representing a variety of leaders and interested residents. Public and private schools, day cares, churches, volunteer organizations, the Wauwatosa library, physical activity organizations, hospitals and health care organizations, teens and Wauwatosa government were some of the organizations represented. Best practices in addressing childhood obesity and ways to prevent the problem were provided. A brainstorming session generated ideas for the PAN Committee to consider in the future.

The PAN Committee also distributed a survey to assess employee health practices and needs to area businesses. Survey results will help the PAN Committee plan a future conference to assist businesses improve nutrition and physical activity in the workplace.

Are you looking for recreational opportunities for your family? A new booklet developed by the Wauwatosa Health Department and the Wauwatosa Recreation Department lists varied physical activities that parents and children can enjoy. Call 414-479-8939 for your free copy.

## Getting Active Guide



Call 414-479-8939 for your free copy.

## August 1 Clinic Cancelled

The August 1 immunization clinic is cancelled due to Tosa Night Out activities. Information about National Night Out can be found on page one. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



## Street Light Out?

To speed the repair of a flickering or burned out street light call the public works department at 414-471-8422 with the location of the pole.

## West Nile Virus

We will continue the annual West Nile surveillance and treatment of catch basins for mosquito larva in the spring and summer. Please report the location of dead birds to the health department by calling 414-479-8939. Disposal of dead birds is treated like disposal of small animals: use gloves and double-bag the bird in plastic and dispose of it in your regular garbage. There is no need to contact public works for a special garbage pickup. Residents can protect themselves from West Nile virus in many ways. Call the Information & Referral Nurse Line at 414-479-8939 for a free brochure. A nurse is available to assist you with your questions and concerns.

## Attention Pet Owners

A pet walker is responsible for the animal's acts on either public or private property and must carry a feces scoop while walking the pet. It is illegal to discard feces in the sanitary sewer or on property other than your own. It is also against the law to allow a pet to run at large. Fines usually amount to \$109.00. A pet must be walked on a leash that does not exceed ten feet. Please be a responsible pet owner.



## Summer Tree Care



Supplemental watering to a previous year's tree planting is encouraged. Mulch, not stone, can be added around the tree base at a 3" minimum depth to keep moisture in, cool the roots, and eliminate damage from lawn equipment.

Apply mulch around the trunk base and out from the trunk about 1—2 feet, making sure not to apply mulch up against the tree trunk. For an example of a properly applied mulch ring, look at the trees growing in the city medians.

Please do not attach or tie anything to a tree. Penetrating the trunk with nails causes openings for disease, insects, and potential decay. Tying anything to a tree can distort healthy growth and creates hiding spots for insects. Call the Parks and Forestry Department at 414-471-8420 for more tree care information.

## Citywide Property Revaluation



Properties in Wauwatosa will undergo revaluation as of the January 1, 2006 assessment date. New values will be at 100% of fair market value. Look for a notice of new value this summer in an envelope marked *Dated Material Enclosed*.

The assessor's office can provide an explanation as to how the new value was determined over the telephone or an appointment can be scheduled for you to meet with a staff member. A full explanation of this "informal" process will accompany the notice. Please do not delay contacting the assessor's office for an explanation if you have questions. When the informal process is concluded, a concern can only be addressed more formally by the Board of Review. Residential properties are valued predominantly using comparable sales. Valid sales for 2005, 2004, and 2003 are used to set new values. Please call the assessor's office 414-479-8969 if you have any questions about this process.

## Firefly Art Show

The 20th Annual Firefly Art Show is Saturday and Sunday, August 5 & 6, from 10 AM—5 PM. The juried art show is held on the beautifully landscaped grounds of the Kneeland-Walker House, 7406 Hillcrest Drive, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. The 15-room mansion, dating from 1890, has 1.5 acres of lovely landscaped lawns and gardens, mature trees, grass tennis court, carriage house, and horse corral.

Come stroll the beautiful mansion grounds and enjoy the fine art and live music. Grilled sandwiches, desserts, and snacks are offered for sale. There is a moderate admission fee.

## Outdoor Grilling Safety

Summer brings outdoor grilling. The following fire safety tips will help to keep you and your family safe this summer.

Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a grill. Keep children away from hot grills. Never grill in an enclosed area because carbon monoxide may be produced. Make sure everyone knows how to Stop, Drop, and Roll in case someone's clothing catches fire. Call 911 if any accident causes burns requiring emergency medical attention.



## Municipal Code is Online



Wauwatosa's Municipal Code is available at <http://.lexisnexis.com/municipalcodes//>

Visit the City Website at [www.wauwatosa.net](http://www.wauwatosa.net)

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